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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #48 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. There continues to be no significant change in the military situation on the Indian-West Pakistan border. The heaviest fighting reportedly has again been in the Sialkot area. The Indian press is accusing Pakistan of using napalm in bombing civilians. It is also playing up the fact that the bomb casings allegedly are marked "property United States Air Force."

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4. General Chaudhuri, in conversation with a US officer today, said that his government was taking a serious view of the Chinese note of 16 September. In answer to a question, Chaudhuri admitted that there were some old, abandoned and unoccupied military positions with some wire and mines across the border in Tibet which some "crazy" Indian general had put in years ago. He maintained these positions were not used and that on several occasions the Indians had volunteered to remove these works under joint supervision but the offer had been refused.

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5. The Central Secretariat of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India has denounced yesterday's Chinese note as a threat to open another front against India and appealed to "all peace loving nations" to intervene to frustrate "the incendiary designs of the Chinese Government."

6. There has been no reaction from Karachi or New Delhi to Secretary General Thant's five point proposal to end the warfare between India and Pakistan. The proposal, presented at today's Security Council session, called on that body to issue a binding order for a cease-fire with a threat of penalties if the two governments fail to comply. Also contained in the proposal was a suggestion that the Security Council could request the presidents of the two countries to meet, possibly in a friendly neutral country.

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the Soviet Union's limited room for maneuver has been suggested by its recent spate of official statements on the crisis. Moscow has appealed for an early ceasefire, rather impartially criticized both sides for continuing and escalating hostilities, and indirectly slapped at Peiping for attempting to aggravate and exploit the situation.

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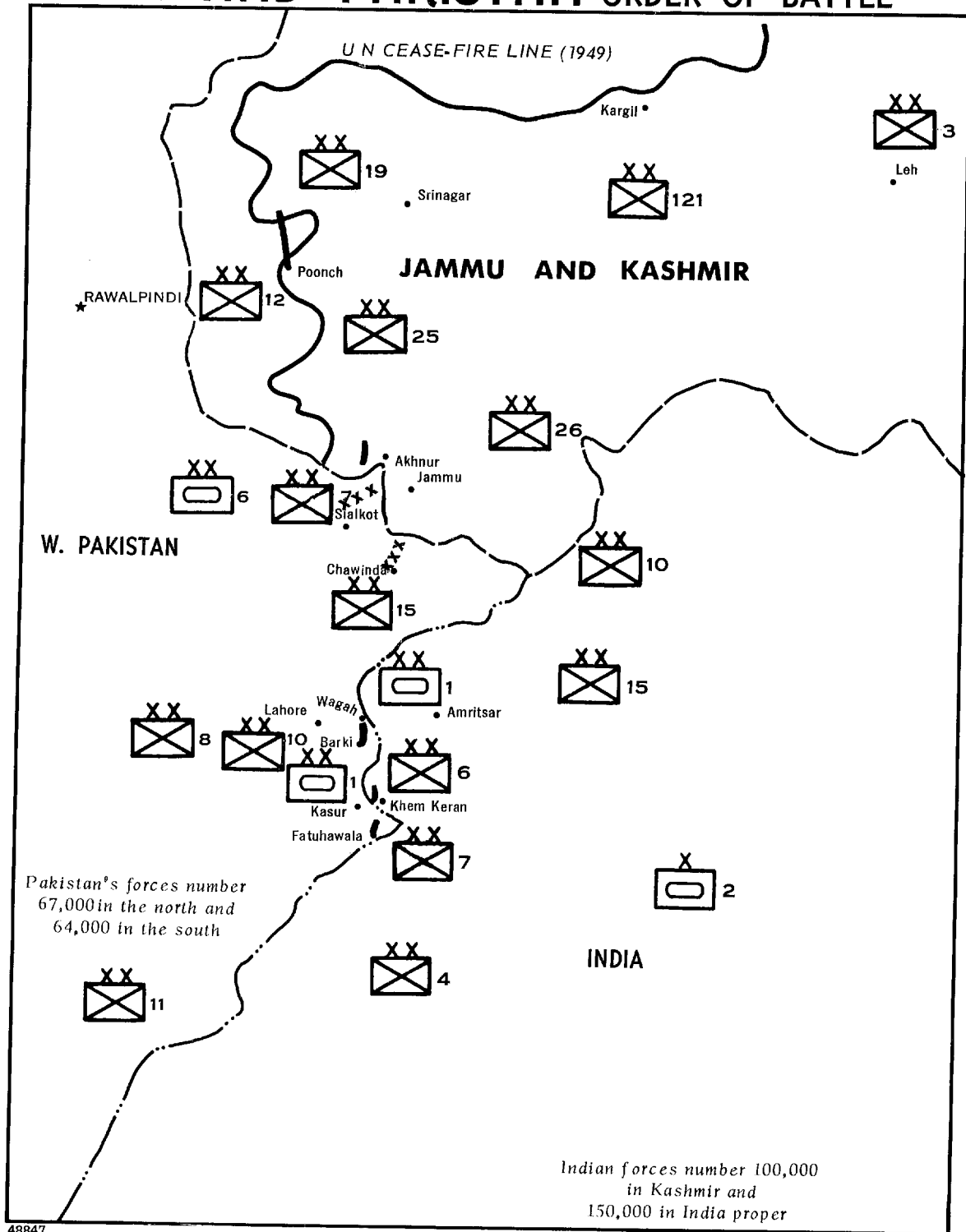
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9. Moscow has yet to react authoritatively to the 16 September Chinese ultimatum to the Indians. After the Indian Ambassador in Moscow met, separately with Premier Kosygin and with Foreign Minister Gromyko on 17 September, Indian diplomats noted to the press that Moscow had expressed its "anxiety" over the ultimatum. Federenko's reported remarks, made before this latest Chinese move, underscored Moscow's unhappiness with the prospect of any Chinese intervention but lack of ability to influence the situation. The Indian press claims Moscow has promised to continue supplying military aid.

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN ORDER OF BATTLE



Pakistan order of battle shown in black
 Indian order of battle shown in red
 Lines or areas of confrontation shown in blue

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